Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, SkillsUSA-VICA was established for students enrolled in trade, industrial, technical, and health occupation education, with a national membership of 250,000, including chapters across South Dakota; and,

Whereas, South Dakota's SkillsUSA-vica chapters provide outstanding career and technical programs, thereby teaching the academic, occupational, and professional skills that shape high school and postsecondary students into world-class workers and responsible citizens; and,

Whereas, The motto of Skills USA-VICA, "Preparing for Leadership in the World of Work," is accomplished through program emphasis on respect for the dignity of work, high standards in trade ethics, workmanship, scholarship, and safety; and,

Whereas, SkillsUSA-VICA strives to develop the "whole student," through emphasis on social and leadership abilities as well as technical skills, as well as prepare them for responsible roles in the community and in the labor market:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 9 through February 15, 2003, as

Skills USA-VICA Week

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to observe this week by making themselves better acquainted with the purposes of career and technical education by visiting any career and technical education institution or program in their area.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fifteenth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State